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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-11-85 (FLATIN, BRUCE A.) OR-P

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SUBJECT: AFGHAN PARTY DOCUMENT IDENTIFIED TARAKI AS A COMMUNIST

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1. (S/NF) SUMMARY: WE HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED A MORE COMPLETE VERSION OF THE PAMPHLET REPORTED IN REFAIR WHICH ADDS SOME SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION TO OUR KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE PAST AND PRESENT VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN (PDPA). THE PDPA IS CURRENTLY CIRCULATING THIS DOCUMENT TO ITS MEMBERSHIP, THEREBY ENDORSING THE DOCUMENT'S SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF PRIME MINISTER NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI AS A "SENIOR COMMUNIST," AND A SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF THE PDPA AS THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN. END OF SUMMARY.

2. (C) THE DOCUMENT'S CHARACTERISTICS: THE RECENTLY OBTAINED DOCUMENT IS A "SLICKER" AND MORE COMPLETE VERSION OF THE

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PAMPHLET DISCUSSED IN REFAIR. IT ALSO BEARS A DATE: JULY

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1976. THE PRINTING AND LAYOUT OF THE SECOND VERSION ARE MORE POLISHED, AND THERE ARE NO HANDWRITTEN INSERTED WORDS, AS WERE CONTAINED IN THE FIRST VERSION WE RECEIVED. THE NEW DOCUMENT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE A REISSUE OF THE PAMPHLET RECEIVED EARLIER BY US, OR CONVERSELY, THE "SLOPPIER" VERSION MAY HAVE BEEN A REPRINTED COPY DONE WHEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS AN UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION. THE SUBSTANTIVE LANGUAGE IN THE TWO DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, IS IDENTICAL.

3. (C) SECOND DOCUMENT REPEATS DESCRIPTION OF TARAKI AS A COMMUNIST: DURING ITS DISCUSSION OF THE FOUNDED CONGRESS OF THE POPA, THE DOCUMENT REITERATES THAT THE FORMATION OF THE POPA ON JANUARY 1, 1965, "ESTABLISHED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN". MOREOVER, IT REPORTS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS FIRST CONGRESS "UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED" THE "SENIOR COMMUNIST" MOHR MOHAMMAD TARAKI AS THE POPA'S GENERAL SECRETARY.

4. (C) SECOND VERSION REVEALS WHEN AND WHY IT WAS WRITTEN: IN CONTRAST TO THE EARLIER PAMPHLET, THE SECOND VERSION HAS A COVER PAGE WHICH REVEALS THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN JULY OF 1976, ABOUT THE TIME WE ESTIMATED IN REF AIR. THIS COVER ALSO BEARS THE SLOGAN "WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE," THEREBY HINTING AT THE DOCUMENT'S CONTENTS. MOREOVER, THE SECOND VERSION CONTAINS AN "INTRODUCTION" WHICH REVEALS WHY THE PAMPHLET WAS WRITTEN. ACCORDING TO THE INTRODUCTION, AN EARLIER POPA PUBLICATION (UNAVAILABLE TO US, SO FAR), WHICH WAS "WARMLY WELCOMED BY ALL ENTHUSIASTS AND AFFILIATES OF THE WORKERS AND COMMUNIST MOVEMENT," OMITTED A DISCUSSION OF THE THEN EXISTING SPLIT BETWEEN THE POPA AND THE PARCHAM ORGANIZATION, LED BY NOW-EXILED BABRAK KARMAL, BECAUSE THE POPA LEADERSHIP "DID NOT WANT TO FURTHER INTENSIFY THE ALREADY EXISTING CHAOTIC CONDITIONS" WITHIN THE AFGHAN LEFTIST MOVEMENT.

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MENT. THE INTRODUCTION ADDS THAT IN EARLY 1976 ORGANS OF THE INDIAN AND IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTIES HAD COMMENTED INCORRECTLY ON THIS PARTY SPLIT, AND THE SUBJECT PAMPHLET WAS ISSUED TO "SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT."

5. (S/MF) CONCLUSIONS: WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE POPA IS CURRENTLY CIRCULATING THIS RECENTLY ACQUIRED VERSION OF THE DOCUMENT TO ITS MEMBERSHIP, THEREBY CLEARLY ENDORSING THE PAMPHLET'S SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING THE SELF-IDENTIFICATION AS THE "COMMUNIST PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN", AND THE DESCRIPTION OF

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TARAKI AS A "SENIOR COMMUNIST." AT THE SAME TIME, THE DOCUMENT'S DIATRIBES AGAINST BABRAK AND COMPANY COULD ALSO BE REGARDED AS A USEFUL TOOL IN ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE PURGE OF BABRAK LOYALISTS WHO MAY STILL HOLD POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE IN THE COUNTRY OR THE PARTY.

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